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U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
POLLUTION REPORT

I. HEADING

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POLREP No.: POLREP 4

II. BACKGROUND

Site No.:	A537
Response Authority:	CERCLA
CERCLIS No.:	MID 052 500 261
NPL Status:	No
Start Date:	November 4, 1996

Completion Date: N/A

III. SITE INFORMATION

A. Incident Category Time Critical Removal Action at an
Inactive Production Facility that
Reconditioned Industrial Electrical
Components

B. Site Description and Location

1. Site location

The J.E. Berger (JEB) site is located at 5300 Bellevue Street in Detroit, Michigan in a mixed commercial and residential area. The geographical coordinates for the site are 42 22'26.7 North latitude and 83 01'40.4" West longitude. The area of concern (AOC [5300 Bellevue Street]) is a small portion of interconnecting warehouses that were part of the Packard Automobile Plant until the late 1940's. The JEB site is bordered to the north by other warehouses in the complex, to the east by Concord Street, to the west by the Michigan Opera Theatre Technical Center (costume shop), and to the south by an adjoining warehouse and Frederick Street.

The building's interior is contaminated with PCBs. Numerous PCB laden capacitors and approximately 50 drums also remain inside the building. Drum contents include PCB contaminated oils, flammable liquids, roofing tars and miscellaneous materials.

Please refer to the initial POLREP for more detailed information.

IV. RESPONSE INFORMATION

A. Situation

1. Current situation

Removal/disposal of hazardous and non-hazardous debris is ongoing. Removal and packaging of ballasts and light bulbs (to be sent for mercury reclamation) from fluorescent light fixtures throughout the building begins. Packaging of PCB capacitors was completed. Haz-catting continues.

2. Removal activities to date

On 12-01-96, ERCS re-moved after the holiday break. Thieves/vandals damaged one of the chain-link gates at the loading dock while breaking in to steal a light stand. Security guards intervened before any further loss occurred. ERCS crew was called out to re-secure the site.

On 12-02-96, an electrical outlet in the building shorted out due to moisture; electrical subcontractor corrected the short. Measures were taken to weatherproof all electrical boxes.

On 12-03-96, packaging of capacitors for disposal begins. Removal and packaging of the ballasts and light bulbs from fluorescent light fixtures begins.

On 12-04-96, packaging of PCB capacitors complete.

Consolidation of drummed waste streams complete. Waste profile samples prepared for drummed wastes.

On 12-05-96, removal of ballasts from light fixtures in office area continues.

On 12-06-96, removal of shelving and debris from second and third levels was conducted to prepare upper floors for decontamination. Removal of concrete flooring and wood blocks continues.

On-12-07-96, reconfigured decon line to facilitate warehouse floor decontamination.

B. Planned Removal Activities and Next Steps

1. Continue wood block flooring removal throughout facility.
2. Continue non-haz and hazardous debris removal from the warehouse.
3. Decontaminate building surfaces, as necessary.
4. Confirm decontamination through analytical sampling.
5. Continue crushing RCRA empty drums for disposal.

C. Key Issues

None

V. COST INFORMATION

Costs as of 12-6-96.

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Remaining</u>
U.S. EPA	\$ 44,000	\$ 7,400.50	\$ 36,599.50
START	\$ 25,000	\$ 11,437.50	\$ 13,562.50
ERCS	\$400,000	\$ 208,376.62	\$ 191,623.38
USCG	\$ 20,000	\$ 12,409.25	\$ 7,590.75
	<u>\$489,000</u>	<u>\$ 239,623.87</u>	<u>\$ 249,376.13</u>

Percent of project funds remaining = 51.0%

NOTE: The above accounting of expenditures is an estimate based on figures known to the OSC at the time this report was written. The OSC does not necessarily receive specific figures on final payments made to any contractor(s). Other financial data, which the OSC must rely upon, may not be entirely up-to-date. The cost accounting provided in this report does not necessarily represent an exact monetary figure which the government may include in any claim for cost recovery.

VI. DISPOSITION OF WASTES

To date, thirteen loads of PCB-contaminated debris have been shipped to the CWM facility in Model City, New York for disposal.

To date, twelve loads of non-hazardous debris have been shipped to the City Disposal Systems facility in Detroit, Michigan for disposal.